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FM COMUSJTF SOUTH/TIMEHRI AIRPORT GUYANA AHF2
TO JCS WASH OC
USCINCSO QUARRY HEIGHTS CZ
USCINCRED MACDILL AFB FL
CINCMAC SCOTT AFB ILL
CSAF WASH OC
INFO SEC DEF WASH OC
SEC STATE WASH DC
WHITE HOUSE WASH DC//SITROOM//
NSC WASH DC
DIRNSA FT GEORGE G MEADE MD
21 AF OC MCGUIRE AFB NJ
AF MPC RANDOLPH AFB TX//MPCCM//
CDR 1ST CORP SUPPORT COMMAND FT BRAGG NC
USCINCARRED FT MCPHERSON GEORGIA
436 MAW DOVER AFB DE//SVM//
436 ABG DOVER AFB DE//SVM//
CDR XVIII ABN CORPS FT BRAGG NC
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AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

C O N F I D E N T I A L
SITUATION REPORT NUMBER THREE AS OF 241230Z NOV 78 (U)
1. (U) SITUATION: MAIN SUPPORT BASE AT TIMEHRI AIRPORT AND FOGWARD OPERATING AT JONESTOWN AND MATTHEWS RIDGE ARE FULLY OPERATIONAL.
2. (C) INTELLIGENCE
A. APPROXIMATELY 10, 4-DRAWER FILING CABINETS OF ASSORTED DOCUMENTS WERE GATHERED TODAY. DOCUMENTS RANGED FROM PERSONNEL LETTERS TO AND FROM MEMBERS OF THE JONESTOWN COMMUNITY, TO FINANCIAL RECORDS DETAILING AN OPERATION IN THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR RANGE. HUNDREDS OF SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST ORIENTED BOOKS AND DOCUMENTS WERE ALSO RECOVERED. THESE DOCUMENTS PORTRAYED A SOCIETY WHICH HAD COMPLETELY RENOUNCED THE UNITED STATES POLITICAL AND SOCIAL STRUCTURE. A DOCUMENT

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ENTITLED ''LAST WORDS'' WAS RECOVERED DETAILING ONE OF THE MEMBERS THOUGHTS AS THOSE AROUND DIED OF POISON. HE OR SHE APPARENTLY DIED ALSO. THE LETTER PRAISED JONES AND INDICATED THAT ALL WERE AWAITING THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO ''BEAR FINAL WITNESS'' (DIE) FOR THEIR CAUSE. LEGAL AND FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS WERE DISCOVERED WHICH TIED TOGETHER A COMPLEX ORGANIZATION WHICH APPARANTLY HAD CONTROL OF ALL ASSETS OF EVERY PERSON IN JONESTOWN. AN OPERATIONS CODE WAS FOUND WHICH WAS USED FOR HAM RADIO COMMUNICATION BETWEEN JONESTOWN AND SAN FRANCISCO. THIS IS AN EXTREMELY BRIEF READ OUT AS MOST OF THE DAY WAS DEVOTED UNCOVERING AND SORTING OF DOCUMENTS.
B. AIR RECONNAISSANCE OF THE AREA BETWEEN JONESTOWN AND THE VENEZUALAN BORDER REVEALED NO INDICATIONS THAT LARGE GROUPS HAD TRAVELED EXISTING TRAILS RECENTLY. INTERVIEWS WERE CONDUCTED WITH FARMERS AND GUYANA DEFENSE FORCE (GDF) ELEMENTS ALONG PLAUSIBLE ROUTES OR SMALL GROUPS MOVING THROUGH THE AREA WERE REPORTED. IT WAS LEARNED FROM MAJ JOHNSON, GDF, COMMANDER IN THE JONESTOWN AREA, THAT A MEDIUM SIZE (40-60 FOOT) FREIGHT CARRYING BOAT OWNED BY THE PTAM HAD BEEN CONFISCATED NEAR MABARUNBA (VIC SK9000). THE CREW (NFI) AND SEVEN PASSENGERS

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HAD APPARENTLY DEPARTED JONESTOWN PRIOR TO THE ATTACK ON CONGRESS RYAN. THE ''CUDJOE'' WAS TAKEN TO GEORGETOWN AND IMPOUNDED.
C. MAJ JOHNSON FURTTER REVEALED THAT THE GUN WITH WHICH JAMES JONES WAS SHOT WAS FOUND IN THE TOWN STORE WHICH LED HIM TO BELIEVE THAT JONES WOUND WAS NOT SELFINFLICTED. MAJ JOHNSON IS OPERATING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT 800-1000 PEOPLE LIVED AT JONESTOWN, BUT HE HAS NO IDEA AS TO WHERE THE SURVIVORS MAY HAVE GONE. HE IS CONVINCED THAT THEY ARE NOT IN THE JONESTOWN AREA. HIS PATROLLING APPEARS TO BE EXTENSIVE.
D. APPROXIMATELY 100 ADDITIONAL PASSPORTS WERE DISCOVERED TODAY BRINGING THE TOTAL WELL OVER 900.
3. (C) EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANT FACTORS.
A. PERSONNEL STATUS
(1) SOUTHCOM
ARMY 11 / 38
USAF 3 / 15
NAVY 1 / 0
TOTAL 15 / 53
(2) REDCOM
HQ COSCOM 9 / 14

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MED COSCOM 9 / 14
MED CLEARING PLT 4 / 21
GRAVE RED DET 2 / 28
498TH MED CO 10 / 20
TOTAL 25 / 83
(3) MAC/ARRS 17/63
(4) JCSE (-) 1/14
(5) 116TH (-) 5/6
(6) 352 (-) 2/4
B. MAC MISSIONS (READ IN FIVE COLUMNS).

MSN NO	AIRCRAFT	TAIL NO	BLOCK TIME	TAKE OFF TIME
1028-01	C-141	60178	221940Z	231830Z
153313	C-130	69544	221945Z	222245Z
1023-04	C-141	70084	230130Z	230430Z
1030-01	C-141	72026	230215Z	230440Z
1029-01	C-141	58235	230545Z	2225
1027-01	C-141	58260	231155Z	1320
1030-05	C-141	58232	231565Z	1702
1030-06	C-141	60168	232220Z	

C. LOGISTICS

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ALL HELICOPTERS OPERATIONAL. SUPPORT OF THE FORWARD BASES AT MATTHEWS RIDGE AND JONESTOWN BEING ACCOMPLISHED BY FIXED WING COMMERCIAL AND MILITARY AIRCRAFT, AND US HELICOPTERS. CURRENT SHORT FALL OF TRANSFER CASES AT THIS LOCATION IS 101. 60 ADDITIONAL TRANSFER CASES ARE EXPECTED IN VIA MAC, REDUCING THIS SHORT FALL TO 41. 31 COFFINS ARE ON HAND, BUT ARE NOT CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE TO THE REQUIREMENT. LINING MUST BE REMOVED TO MAKE ROOM FOR THE BODY BAGS, MAKING THEM UNREUSABLE. REQUEST ADDITIONAL 50 TRANSFER CASES BE SENT TO THIS LOCATION. THIS WILL PROVIDE ADEQUATE FUDGEFACTOR.
D. COMMUNICATIONS. NO MAJOR COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS EXIST AT THIS TIME. KNM 2 NET ESTABLISHED BETWEEN SUPPORT BASE, MATTHEWS RIDGE AND AMERICAN EMBASSY. W3 FROM FORWARD AREA TO USSOUTHCOM ALSO ESTABLISHED.

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E. (U) PUBLIC AFFAIRS - PAO, CAPT MOSCATELLI, AND MAJ RICHARD HELMUNG, OPERATIONS STAFF OFFICER, APPEARED AT PRESS BRIEFING HELD AT AMEMB PRESS CENTER AT 2400Z 22 NOV. APPROX 100 NEWSMAN IN ATTENDANCE. WILL PROVIDE HARD COPY TRANSCRIPT WHEN AVAILABLE. BE ADVISED ALL INFORMATION IS CLEARED WITH AMEMB HERE PRIOR TO ANY RELEASE OR STATEMENT. ALL MAC AIRCREWS BRIEFED ON PAO GUIDANCE

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ON ARRIVAL HERE. GOG AUTHORIZED AND ARRANGED PRESS TOUR OF TIMEHRI AIRPORT JTF OPERATION HELD 1730Z TODAY. 45 PRESS TOURS TOMORROW. ANTICIPATE 50 TO 100 ADDITIONAL NEWSMEN. AMEMB ESTIMATES MORE THAN 150 PRESS IN THIS AREA. SPACE NOT AVAILBLE AS YET FOR PRESS FLIGHTS DUE TO PHYSICAL LOCATION AND MISSION REQUIREMENTS.
4. (C) OPERATIONAL SUMMARY. FLIGHT COMMENCED AT 231000Z NOV 78 MOVING THE CCR USJTF TO THE JONESTOWN AREA. THREE HH53 DEPARTED TO JONESTOWN AT 231125Z NOV AND THE FIRST RETURNED TO TIMEHRI AIRPORT AT 231345Z NOV WITH 23 HUMAN REMAINS. OPERATIONS WERE EXPEDITED BECAUSE GRAVES REGISTRATION TEAM WORKED AFTER DARK AND PROCESSED 25 BODIES. MAC MISSION 1028-01 DEPARTED TIMEHRI AT 1830Z WITH 81 BODIES INCLUDING THAT OF REV. JONES, 78 UNIDENTIFIED/3 IDENTIFIED. MAC MISSION 1029-01 DEPARTED TIMEHRI AT 232225Z NOV WITH 81 BODIES; 79 UNIDENTIFIED/2 IDENTIFIED. MISSION 1030-01 IS DUE TO DEPART AT 240100Z NOV WITH 68 BODIES; 56UNIDENTIFIED/12 IDENTIFIED. THIS LATTER GROUP OF 12 IDENTIFIED INCLUDED 5 BODIES THAT WERE IN CUSTODY OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY THAT DIED IN GEORGETOWN. ALL AIRCRAFTS ARE OPERATIONAL READY. THE EFFORTS OF THE US FORCES AND GUYANESE DEFENCE FORCES CONTINUES TO BE OUTSTANDING.
5. (C) COMMANDERS PLANS. INTEND TO CONTINUE SHUTTLING HH-53'S TO JONESTOWN FOR THE RECOVERY OF BODIES. SHOULD THE WEATHER HOLD AND NO MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT ALL BODIES WILL BE RECOVERED BY LATE TOMORROW AFTERNOON AND ENROUTE TO CONUS TOMORROW NIGHT. UPON COMPLETION OF BODY RECOVERY OPERATIONS, RETROGRADE FROM THE FORWARD AREA WILL COMMENCE. COMBINED WITH RETROGRADE OPERATIONS SEARCH AND VISUAL RECONAISSANCE EFFORTS, (ALSO UTILIZING LOUDSPEAKERS) WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE JONESTOWN AREA FOR SURVIVORS. LIMITED RETROGRADE OF SOME EQUIPMENT FROM THIS LOCATION WILL ALSO OCCUR TOMORROW. AWAITING GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA APPROVAL FOR EVACUATING JONESTOWN SURVIVORS TO CONUS. RECOVERY OF BODIES WILL CONTINUE TO BE OUR FIRST PRIORITY.
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